

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1995, AS REPORTED**OFFERED BY M _____****(Rural Teachers)**

Page 36, after line 15, insert the following:

1 **“SEC. 2043. RURAL TEACHERS.**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award grants
3 on a competitive basis to rural eligible local educational
4 agencies to carry out activities described in subsection (b).

5 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—A rural eligible local edu-
6 cational agency that receives a grant under this section
7 may use such funds to develop incentive programs—

8 “(1) to recruit and retain qualified teachers;
9 and

10 “(2) to provide high-quality professional devel-
11 opment to teachers.

12 “(c) APPLICATION.—To be eligible to receive a grant
13 under this section, a rural eligible local educational agency
14 shall submit an application to the Secretary at such time,
15 in such manner, and containing such information as the
16 Secretary may reasonably require.

17 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

18 “(1) METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA.—The
19 term ‘metropolitan statistical area’ has the meaning
20 given such term by the Bureau of the Census.

1 “(2) RURAL ELIGIBLE LOCAL EDUCATIONAL
2 AGENCY.—The term ‘rural eligible local educational
3 agency’ means a local educational agency—

4 “(A) that is not located in a metropolitan
5 statistical area; and

6 “(B) in which there is a high percentage of
7 individuals from families with incomes below
8 the poverty line (as defined by the Office of
9 Management and Budget and revised annually
10 in accordance with section 673(2) of the Com-
11 munity Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C.
12 9902(2))).